

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-19 and 21-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alcott (US 6,324,273) in view of Panizzon et al. (US 4,219,700) and further in view of Majmudar et al. (US 4,897,866). Applicants respectfully traverse.

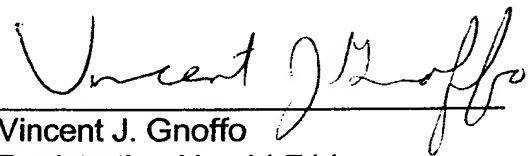
The Office Action relies on a combination of three references to reject the claims. Alcott discloses a system for providing a network enabled platform for customers to directly order, provision and establish subscription telecommunication service products using touchtone keys. Abstract. Panizzon et al. discloses a station set interface circuit for connection to a multi-party line for prohibiting connection of a party line subscriber's set to the party line if the line is in use. After the subscriber's handset is replaced on the station set, the telephone can be rung once the call in progress has terminated. Col. 2, ll. 48-54. Mujmudar et al. discloses an arrangement for allowing a subscriber to select telephone features from the subscriber terminal. Abstract.

Claim 1 and its dependent claims as amended recite placing a call to the first party to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available. The placing of the call to the first party occurs in response to the inquiring in the first transaction, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure and the availability data. Claim 9 and its dependent claims as amended recite placing a call to the first party. The placing of the call to the first party occurs in response to the receiving of the first call, the second call and the third call, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure, the second data structure, the third data structure and the availability data. Claim 10 and its dependent claims recite a computer to place a call to the first party to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available. The placing of the call occurs in response to the first inquiry, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing

of the first data structure and the availability data. Claim 17 and its dependent claims recite placing a call to the first party to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available. The placing of the call to the first party occurs in response to the storing of the first data structure, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure and the availability data. None of the references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest at least this and the other claimed acts for handling an upgraded telecommunications network.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4224 if there are any outstanding issues that could be resolved through a telephone conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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